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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM KING KHALID

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM KING KHALID ON THE OCCASION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY IN ARABIC ON JULY 7. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE TELEGRAPH FORM ON WHICH IT WAS TYPED WHETHER IT IS A COPY OF A MESSAGE ALREADY SENT THROUGH THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OR THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE. SAUDI PRESS AND RADIO JULY 4 ANNOUNCED THAT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE HAD BEEN SENT.

2. BEIN TEXT: HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON, D.C. TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE UNITED STATES GAINED ITS FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, AND TIS PIONEERING LEADERS LIKE GEORGE WASHINGTON AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN ADVOCATED FREEDOM FOR PEOPLES, SELF-DETERMINATION, HOISTED THE BANNER OF FREEDOM AND TOOK IT AS A SLOGAN AND SYMBOL. TODAY, THE UNITED STATES IS ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW THIRD CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM.

(PARA) MR. PRESIDENT:

THE UNITED STATES WHICH SIGNED IN RELIEF AND TASTED THE FLAVOR OF FREEDOM IS WELL SUITED TO SUPPORT OPPRESSED AND HELPLESS PEOPLES, AND ASSIST IN GIVING FREEDOM AND SELF DETERMINATION TO THE WRETCHED WHO ARE SEEKING SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THEIR HOMES, AND THE DISPLACED WHO CONTINUE TO ASPIRE FOR RETURNING HOME.

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(PARA) IT GIVES ME PLEASURE AT THIS BLISSFUL OCCASION
OF THE UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL TO SEND TO YOUR EXCEL-
LENCY IN THE NAME OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN PEOPLE AND IN MY
OWN NAME WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS COUPLED WITH TRUEST
WISHES FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPI-
NESS, AND INCREASED PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE
FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND HOPE THAT THE BONDS OF
STRONG TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BE STRENGTHENED FURTHER IN THE
DAYS AHEAD.

(PARA) WITH WARMEST REGARDS AND SINCEREST WISHES.
KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD.
END TEXT.
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